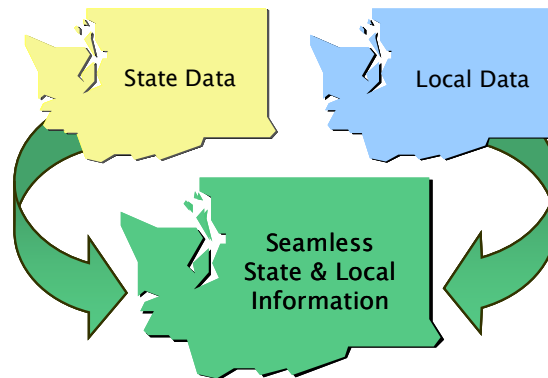


WASHINGTON STATEWIDE INFORMATION COORDINATION CONSORTIUM

A collaborative effort of Washington state & local governments

Better Information for Better Decisions

*State and local governments bringing
together information necessary
to make decisions and demonstrate
governmental accountability*



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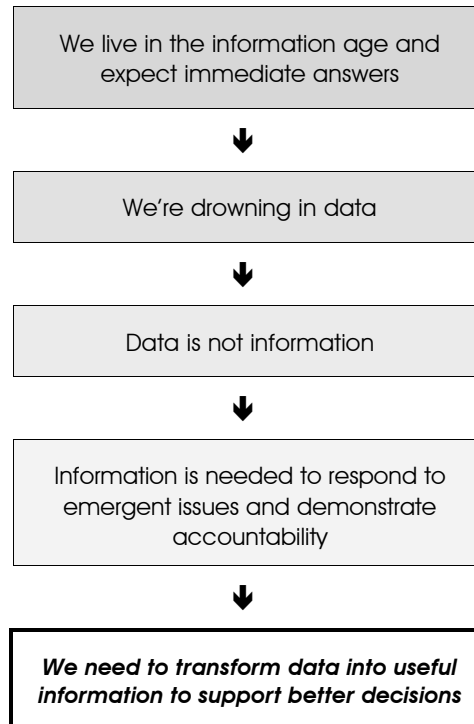
Former Governor Locke

THE PROBLEM

Government as a whole must do a better job communicating the relationship between the cost and results of services.

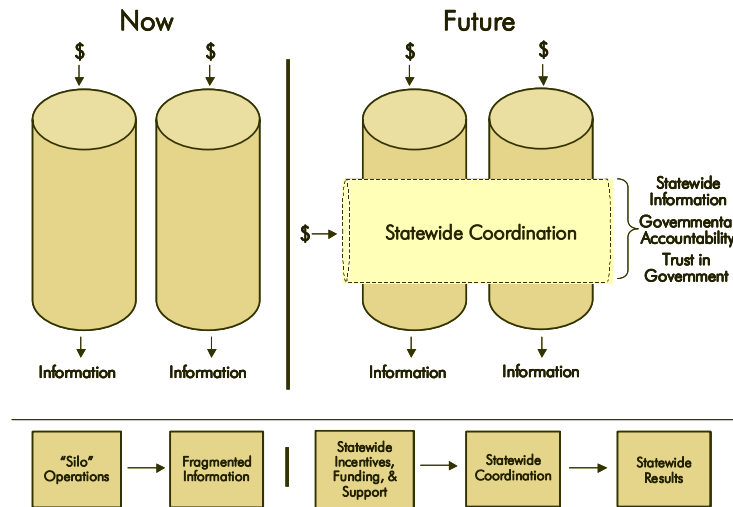
126 state agencies, 39 counties, 281 cities and towns, and thousands of special purpose districts and not-for-profits all provide services to the citizens of Washington State.

Lack of consistency and comparability of data make it difficult to respond to an increasing demand for “enterprise” or statewide information that crosses governmental silos.



THE SOLUTION

Better Information for Better Decisions...



The Statewide Information Coordination Consortium (SWICC) is a resource that helps state and local governments collaboratively transform data into relevant and seamless statewide information.

SWICC is a catalyst for enabling change in the following areas:

- **Leadership** – develop cross-governmental governance and funding
- **Underlying Infrastructure** – move away from managing solely to individual budgets toward managing for statewide outcomes
- **Enterprise Support** – facilitate the success of statewide information coordination efforts

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

Now is a good time to promote statewide information coordination because:

Need

- Government leaders and the public are not content with fragmented information
- Budget pressures necessitate coordination and elimination of redundancies
- Critical public services, such as transportation and public safety, require the sharing of information

Climate

- The “Priorities of Government” approach to budgeting supports a state enterprise perspective
- The Governor’s Government Management, Accountability and Performance (GMAP) process uses performance information that crosses the silos of state agencies
- Local governments are exploring ways to articulate “core services” and priorities of government
- The federal government enterprise architecture is a model for a seamless federal government
- State, local, and federal governments want to align their efforts to better communicate and serve their common client ...the citizen

Technology

- The technology is available to support information coordination and improve accessibility to information

REALIZING THE VISION

The Statewide Information Coordination Consortium (SWICC) promotes:

- Removing Barriers** - identify and resolve barriers to information coordination
- Comparing Apples** - promote collection of comparable state and local data
- Seamless Views** - facilitate views of statewide government services
- Accessibility** - provide easy access to information that supports analysis and decision making
- Tools** - provide guidelines, tools, and model frameworks that aid information coordination efforts
- Building on Lessons Learned** - share coordination best practices and leverage resources

NEXT STEPS

Over the 2005-2007 biennium, SWICC will work with state and local stakeholders to:

- compile a web-based, searchable directory of reliable and trusted data sources
- facilitate collaboration and communication across performance-related efforts
- determine best fit for the concept, tools and technology applied in the "**Showcase Washington**" prototype web site (<http://swicc.leg.wa.gov>)
- continue to promote successful cross-governmental information coordination

ABOUT SWICC

The Statewide Information Coordination Consortium (SWICC) is comprised of:

Association of Washington Cities (AWC)

Department of Information Services (DIS)

Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee
(JLARC)

Legislative Evaluation & Accountability Program
(LEAP) Committee

Municipal Research & Services Center (MRSC)

Office of Financial Management (OFM)

State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Washington Finance Officers Association
(WFOA)

Washington State Association of Counties
(WSAC)

Additional information about SWICC is
available on the Internet at:

<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/special/sdci.asp>

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